

## MEETING MINUTES

### **Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

**Monday, April 15, 2019**

**300 Sower Blvd**

**Frankfort, KY 40601**

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In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Scotty Parsons, SWCC Chair; Mr. Sam Hughes; Mr. Don Minton; Mr. Jeff Rice; Mr. Billy Doolin; and Ms. Denise Hoffman.

Others Present: Ms. Paulette Akers, Division of Conservation, Director; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation, Assistant Director; Mr. Greg Stone, Natural Resources Conservation Service, State Conservationist; Ms. Crystal Renfro, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts, Executive Director; Mr. Steve Coleman, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. Tim Hughes, Department of Agriculture; Mr. Brian Lacefield, USDA-FSA; Ms. Natasha Bruton, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Ms. Sonya Keith, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Mr. Bruce Scott, EEC; Tim Mayer, EEC-OLS; Ms. Stefanie Osterman, GOAP; Secretary Charles G. Snively, Energy and Environment Cabinet; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

Quorum was met.

**Meeting Called to Order** – 9:00 AM by SWCC Chair Mr. Scotty Parsons.

**SWCC Minutes from the February 12, 2019 Meeting** - Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

**Correspondence** – Ms. Paulette Akers informed the board of the following:

- Magoffin County requested an extension on their State Cost Share. An extension to July was allowed. Mr. Don Minton made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

- Christian County and Trigg County submitted an application for an Environmental Grant for 7,500.00 for dead animal removal (Christian County) and tire amnesty (Trigg County) programs. Both applications were submitted past the set forth dead line. Mr. Billy Doolin made a motion to deny and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion to deny carried.**
- Martin County requested an advance on Direct Aid Funds to help with operating budget. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

**Equipment Report** – Ms. Paulette Akers presented the report with copies distributed.

- Ms. Paulette Akers gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Ms. Denise Hoffman made the motion to approve. Mr. Jeff Rice seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests-**
  - The Todd County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a 3 PT Tile Plow, 6' Stealth ZD 8" Boot, SoilMax HD Stringer Cart and Tile Plow Kit. Cost of equipment would be \$58,186.25. No trade-in. The district will be placing 1/3 down in cash at \$19,395.04. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$38,790.83. The length of loan is for 7 years. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
  - The Marion County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a Caterpillar D6NXL Track Type Tractor. Cost of equipment would be \$299,180.76. No trade-in. The district will be placing 1/3 down in cash at \$99,800.00. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$ 199,380.76. The length of loan will be 7 years. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
  - The Russell County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a Gehl RT 215 Track. Cost of equipment would be \$54,000.00. A trade-in allowance of \$10,000.00 will be submitted. The district will be placing the remainder of the 1/3 down in cash at \$8,000.00. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$36,000.00. Length of loan is for 7 years. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
  - The Bath County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a 2019 Haybuster 107c drill, FX660 Anderson in line bale wrapper and 646 Paquea 8 bale way wagon. Cost of equipment would be \$60,750.00. A trade-in allowance of \$8,000.00 was submitted. The district will be placing the remainder of the 1/3 down in cash at \$12,229.75. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$40,520.25.00. The length of loan will be 7 years. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

- **Approval of Infrastructure Loan Request.** No approvals were requested.

**Vacancy Petitions for Conservation District Supervisor's Appointments** - Ms. Paulette Akers presented the requests.

- Estill County - Motion to approve was made by Mr. Billy Doolin and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

**Incentive Per Diem –**

- **Floyd County**
  - Linville Martin – KACD Convention, Area 8 meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
  - Thomas Hardwick – Area 8 meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
  - Ernie Tackett – KACD Convention, Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Bert Layne – KACD Convention, Area 8 meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
  - Clyde Doug DeRossett – KACD Convention, Area 8 meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
- **Hancock County**
  - Joseph Hagman – Area 2 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Dennis Johnson – Area 2 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Stephen Ogle – Area 2 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Anthony Johnson – Area 2 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Loyd Ray – Area 3 meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
  - Gary Long – KACD Convention, 10 ten minute trainings
- **Rowan County**
  - Sam Hughes – Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Clyde Mays, Jr. - Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Steve Kelsey - Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Gary Ferguson - Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Yvonne Thompson - Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Angela Clatos - Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Taylor County**
  - David Cowherd – Area 7 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings, KACD Convention
  - Marion Howard – Area 7 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings, KACD Convention
  - Sophia Campbell – Area 7 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings, KACD Convention
  - Debbie Gabbert – Area 7 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings

Motion to approve qualifying supervisors was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**

**Incentive Per Diem Qualifying Event Request** – A request was made by Owsley County Conservation District to have the 2019 Supervisor's Training at Owsley County Public Library to act as a qualifying event. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

**Agriculture District Program** - Ms. Paulette Akers presented the report with copies distributed. Three (3) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 3361.99 acres.

1. Breckinridge County (Petition No. 014-10) – 2,009.97 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
2. Meade County (Petition No. 082-06) – 1,279.92 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
3. McCracken County (Petition No. 073-04 (A2) – 72.10 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**

Thirteen (13) new agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 4,966.29 acres.

COUNTY	PETITION NO.
Bullitt	015-14
Franklin	037-11
Henry	052-09
Lincoln	069-02
Marion	078-05
McCracken	073-01
McCracken	073-04
Powell	099-01
Robertson	101-05
Robertson	101-06
Whitley	118-03
Whitley	118-04

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Paulette Akers informed the board that a Marshall County resident requested approval for 4.66 acres (Petition No. 079-02) to be considered for re-approval. A requirement of 10 + acres are needed to be considered for approval. Motion to not approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion to not approve carried.**

**Old Business** – Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the following with the board:

- Ag Water Quality Authority nomination updates:
  - Three applications have been submitted out of 5 nominated. No response from the remaining 2 nominations.

**New Business** – Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the following with the board:

- Meeting time for July meeting:
  - Ms. Crystal Renfro informed the board the schedule for the KACD convention is still being worked out.
  - Board decided on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 for the next upcoming SWCC meeting.
    - A motion to approve SWCC meeting time for July 8<sup>th</sup> was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

**Division of Conservation Report** – Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the following items:

- Envirothon for the East and West is upcoming. A total of 40 teams are expected to attend and contend.
- DOC field reps are currently undergoing training today in Frankfort.

### **Agency Reports**

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Mr. Greg Stone discussed the following with the board:
  - 2020 priorities for the NRCS.
  - Continues to attend conservation are meetings.
  - Invited other agencies to help with NRCS problem solving.
- **Farm Service Agency** – Mr. Brian Lacefield discussed the following with the board:
  - Currently drafting a letter for the State Legislature to discuss the future of FSA.
  - Discussed upcoming conservation district meetings dates and agendas.
  - Farm Bill has been passed on time.
  - Crop insurance, dairy, and hemp inclusion.
  - No FSA loans in 2019, looking at improving in 2020.
  - How FSA dealt with the past Federal government shutdown.
  - Budget cuts and dealing with doing more with less staffing.
  - Hemp – CBD and Fiber usages.

- **Governor's Office of Ag Policy** – Ms. Stefanie Osterman discussed the following with the board:
  - Office has currently 7 to 11 programs with the conservation districts.
  - Looking for new items to add.
- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – Nothing to report.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Mr. Tim Hughes discussed the following with the board:
  - Industrial Hemp application for upcoming year complete.
    - Total application in the range of 100 to 200.
    - New interest in Kentucky
    - Total of 50,000 acres available for growth of Hemp.
    - Hemp law enforcement.
      - ❖ Location of each plot.
    - Number one crop in Kentucky.
    - Discussed upcoming 2019 Sessions.
    - Farm to Fork
      - ❖ 40 available grants for 750.00.
- **University of Kentucky, CAFE** – Not attended.
- **Division of Forestry**- Not attended.
- **University of Kentucky** – Not attended.
- **KACD – Ms. Crystal Renfro informed the board of the following:**
  - Good turnout at all area meetings.
  - July 7-9 KACD Convention in Lexington.
    - 76th Annual Meeting.
  - Looking for more sponsorship to help with KACD Convention costs.
  - NRCS Boot Camp.
  - KACD newsletter distribution issues.
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> is the date for the upcoming KACD meeting.
- **KACDE** – Not attended.

**Next Board Meeting** – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the KACD convention in Lexington, KY

**Adjourned** - Mr. Don Minton made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice.  
**Motion carried.**